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## EMBASSY STATEMENT

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### Nigerian Ekiti State Governor's Election

We congratulate the many electoral stakeholders for the successful conduct of the June 21 Ekiti gubernatorial election. The Nigerian Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) oversaw a credible, efficient process, and by all accounts the result reflected the will of Ekiti's voters. The security forces collaborated effectively and provided a safe and secure environment free of major incidents. The parties and their supporters acted responsibly during and after the election, and the magnanimity exhibited by all candidates afterwards speaks highly of them and the people of Ekiti. That more than fifty percent of registered voters turned out to make their voices heard bodes well for the future of Nigeria's democracy.

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